

IDAHO FALLS HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

December 6, 2012

Noon, City Annex Building Conference Room
680 Park Avenue

Minutes

Attending: Julie Williams, Roxane Mitro, Loretta Evans, Judy Mortensen, Stephanie Rose, Dina Sallak, Kim Smith, and Graham Whipple. Renee Magee and Debra Petty, staff. Shirley Chastain, Preservation Idaho.

Call to Order at 12:08 p.m.

Minutes: Mitro moved to approve the minutes of November 15, 2012, with corrections. Sallak seconded the motion and it passed.

Work Program and CLG Grant for Historic Preservation: SHPO's Comments. Magee said the expenses of the Commission to attend the National Trust annual conference in Spokane used the entire CLG grant for FY 2013. Magee asked members to fill out the donated labor form by December 7. With the volunteer hours recorded, she will submit the reimbursement request to Ann Swanson, grant administrator, SHPO, in January. The hours recorded should include all time spent attending conference events as well as travel hours. Since all the grant funds have been expended, additional projects do not have to be completed this year. For a future work program, Magee suggested the Commission follow Williams' advice and focus on one area and a limited number of tasks.

As to next fiscal year, Swanson thought a generic brochure describing Mid-Century Modern housing styles and their characteristics could be a model for other communities and be funded by SHPO in the future. This is a different approach than the brochure discussed by the Commission which focuses on Idaho Falls. If the Commission focuses on Idaho Falls and uses homes in Idaho Falls as models, the Commission needs to complete an historic context for Mid-Century Modern housing in Idaho Falls and begin the reconnaissance survey of Mid-Century neighborhoods. The historic context could be completed this year or next. If the context is completed this year, a reconnaissance survey could be undertaken next year, either by the Commission or a consultant. Williams said her focus is on Mid-Century Modern. An historic context should include identification of Mid-Century neighborhoods, the impact of post war construction on the community, and aspects of the Idaho National Laboratory privately funded housing, including the Bel-Aire Subdivision. The context will be the foundation for a reconnaissance survey and a brochure specific to Idaho Falls. **Mitro moved to focus on Mid-Century Modern for 2013. The motion was seconded by Williams and passed.**

The members brainstormed ideas for improving educational opportunities for members and the community. Ideas discussed included updating the Facebook page weekly, a 2014 calendar, sharing preservation related articles, more training through the CLG program, completion of an annual report, and development of a mission statement. A mission statement will be an agenda item for the January meeting. Magee asked the members to e-mail her their individual ideas for a mission statement by December 14. These written individual ideas will help the Commission find common thoughts quickly.

Preservation Idaho: Shirley Chastain is a board member for Preservation Idaho. The group works to protect significant historic places through education and awareness. Until recently, focus was on the Treasure Valley area, but the group is taking steps to expand into southeastern Idaho. Chastain accepted an offer to have Idaho Falls host the 2013 Annual Orchids and Onions program on May 18th at the Trinity United Methodist Church. She is requesting Commission support to make it a successful event. Tentative plans are to have the award program from 11:00 a.m. to Noon with a luncheon from Noon to 1:00 p.m. After the luncheon, there will be three twenty minute tours between 1:00 and 2:00 p.m. She asked Commission members to identify possible locations for tours. Tickets will be \$25.

Miscellaneous: Mitro suggested the Commission provide information to the Beautification Commission on the need to preserve historic features in their award program.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Debra Petty, Recording Secretary